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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

GRAIN AND FEED

THAILAND's paddy rice output is expected to reach record levels this year, according to the U.S. agricultural attache in Bangkok. Rainfall has been timely and well distributed, resulting in a main wet-season crop of 17.5 million metric tons, compared with last year's harvest of 16.25 million. With an average dry-season crop of 2.25 million tons (2.0 million last year), the total paddy production is estimated at 19.75 million tons (13.0 million, milled basis), up 8 percent from the previous year. Most of the wet-season rice crop increase came out of the lower north and upper central plains. Rice production jumped 11 percent in the north plains with some shifting to the more marketable non-glutinous varieties. The increase in the central plains and the northeast over last year is estimated at 5 percent, although some northeast areas, especially Chaiyaphum, experienced dry conditions.

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

ARGENTINE cattle numbers are expected to continue declining because producers have been discouraged by weak export markets and price controls, according to the U.S. agricultural counselor in Buenos Aires. Slaughter for 1985 is expected to be up 12 percent to 13.8 million tons. However, beef production is expected to be up only 5 percent to 2.7 million tons because of increased cow (up 15 percent) and calf slaughter.

COFFEE

WORLD green coffee production for 1985/86 is estimated at 98.6 million 60-kilogram bags, virtually unchanged from the June forecast (see WR 25-85) and 9 percent more than the previous season. The current estimate, a record high outturn, is 1 percent above the previous record of 98.0 million bags in 1981/82. A 6-million-bag increase for Brazil accounts for most of the increase in the 1985/86 world coffee crop.

In North and Central America and the Caribbean, coffee production is estimated to be down 4 percent as many of the larger producing countries are expecting decreases. Costa Rican production is estimated to be down 20 percent from the previous year's record harvest because of the cyclical nature of coffee production and less favorable weather conditions. In Mexico, the largest producer in the region, production is expected to increase by 5 percent over last season.

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South American production is estimated at 50.0 million bags, 18 percent above the 1984/85 level. Brazil's 1985/86 coffee crop is estimated at 33 million bags, 22 percent above 1984/85, due to favorable growing conditions (see WR 7-85, WR 24-85 and WR 25-85). In Colombia, production for 1985/86 is up 14 percent (1.5 million bags) from last year and unchanged from the June forecast.

Africa's coffee production in 1985/86 is estimated at a record 21.8 million bags, 6 percent above last season. Ivory Coast production is estimated at 5 million bags, the largest crop since 1980/81. Kenya's estimated outturn of 2.2 million bags is 42 percent above the drought-reduced 1984/85 harvest as favorable rains in April-May 1985 improved yields.

In Asia and Oceania, 1985/86 coffee output is estimated at 10.6 million bags, virtually the same as last season. All major producing countries in this region are expecting increased output except India, down 20 percent or nearly 600,000 bags from 1984/85.

Coffee production by region and for selected countries is estimated as follows in 1,000 60-kilogram bags:

Region/Country	Revised 1984/85	Estimated 1985/86
North and Central America and Caribbean:		
Costa Rica	2,516	2,013
Dominican Republic	900	820
El Salvador	2,700	2,600
Guatemala	2,703	2,530
Honduras	1,500	1,400
Mexico	4,250	4,480
Nicaragua	850	830
Others	1,485	1,584
Total	16,904	16,257
South America:		
Brazil	27,000	33,000
Colombia	11,000	12,500
Ecuador	1,500	1,600
Peru	1,150	1,300
Others	1,602	1,609
Total	42,252	50,009
Africa:		
Cameroon	2,100	1,900
Ethiopia	2,600	3,150
Ivory Coast	4,900	5,000
Kenya	1,525	2,170
Uganda	3,300	3,000
Zaire	1,503	1,540
Others	4,650	5,005
Total	20,578	21,765

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Region/Country	Revised 1984/85	Estimated 1985/86
Asia and Oceania:		
India	2,917	2,334
Indonesia	5,400	5,750
Philippines	857	943
Papua-New Guinea	750	800
Others	699	739
Total	10,623	10,616
World Total	90,357	98,647

U.S. AGRICULTURAL TRADE

U.S. agricultural exports during October 1985 amounted to \$2.3 billion and 9.8 million tons. While both the export value and volume for the first month of fiscal 1986 (October 1985) were down from October 1984, the October 1985 value and volume were up from the previous month by almost \$460 million (24 percent) and 2.2 million tons (29 percent).

The sharpest year-to-year declines in October occurred in wheat, wheat flour, corn, grain sorghum, soybean oil, cotton and tobacco. These drops were due to both unit value and volume declines from a year earlier. Such declines were partially offset by gains in shipments of soybeans, soybean meal, rice, peanuts, dairy products and livestock and products. The fruit and vegetable complex was characterized by little overall change from October 1984, although individual product groups (e.g. fresh citrus fruits and tree nuts) showed some gains in both value and volume.

U.S. agricultural imports during October 1985 reached \$1.4 billion, down 18 percent from the \$1.7 billion imported during the first month of fiscal 1985. Commodities experiencing the greatest declines were cane sugar, coffee and products, fruit juices, beef and veal. The overall net surplus in agricultural trade during October 1985 amounted to \$900 million, down 25 percent from a net surplus of \$1.2 billion during the same period a year earlier.

U.S. Agricultural Trade (Billion dollars)

	-----FISCAL YEAR-----			-----OCTOBER-----		
	1985 Actual	1986 Forecast	Percent Change	1984 Actual	1985 Actual	Percent Change
Exports	31.2	29.0	-7	2.9	2.3	-21
Imports	19.8	20.0	+1	1.7	1.4	-18
Trade balance	11.4	9.0	-21	1.2	.9	-25

Note: Import tables for U.S. agricultural trade data are not available this month.

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U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ALL DESTINATIONS
OCTOBER 1984 - OCTOBER 1985

COMMODITIES	UNIT	CUMULATIVE TO DATE				CURRENT MONTH (OCTOBER)				
		QUANTITY		VALUE		QUANTITY		VALUE		
		10/84-10/84	10/85-DIF	%	10/84-10/84	10/85-DIF	%	10/84-10/84	10/85-DIF	%
TOBACCO UNMFG.										
BURLEY	MT	2,330	1,089	-53	15,207	8,633	-43	2,330	1,089	-53
FLUE-CURED	MT	22,875	16,079	-30	153,023	98,048	-36	22,875	16,079	-30
FIRE-SUN CURED	MT	972	680	-30	5,045	2,830	-44	972	680	-30
MARYLAND	MT	474	288	-39	3,373	1,725	-49	474	288	-39
CIGAR	MT	126	75	-41	2,562	1,693	-34	126	75	-41
OTHER LEAF	MT	403	553	+37	2,508	3,350	+33	403	553	+37
STEMS	MT	4,013	3,472	-13	5,313	7,357	+38	4,013	3,472	-13
TOTAL	MT	31,193	22,236	-29	187,032	123,617	-34	31,193	22,236	-29
POULTRY PRODUCTS										
MEAT	MT	18,696	17,782	-5	20,936	17,992	-14	18,696	17,782	-5
BROILER	MT	1,282	1,614	+26	1,933	1,941	---	1,282	1,614	+26
TURKEY	MT	933	724	-22	1,008	751	-26	933	724	-22
OTHER POULTRY MEAT	DOZ	2,590	2,343	-10	3,654	2,924	-20	2,590	2,343	-10
EGGS	DOZ	1,255	1,104	-12	2,454	2,202	-10	1,255	1,104	-12
EGG PRODUCTS	XXX				8,011	9,827	+23			
OTHER	XXX									
TOTAL	XXX				37,997	35,635	-6			
DAIRY PRODUCTS										
NON-FAT DRY MILK	MT	24,891	23,467	-6	15,876	14,194	-11	24,891	23,467	-6
CHEESE	MT	1,243	2,261	+82	2,383	3,651	+53	1,243	2,261	+82
BUTTER	MT	4,211	5,211	+24	5,143	7,933	+54	4,211	5,211	+24
OTHER	XXX				9,842	10,258	+4			
TOTAL	XXX				33,244	36,036	+8			
LIVESTOCK & PRODS.										
MEAT	MT	37,405	37,558	---	75,344	79,344	+4	37,405	37,558	---
BEEF	MT	9,756	10,590	+9	41,329	43,009	+4	9,756	10,590	+9
PORK	MT	3,506	3,123	-11	5,994	7,451	+24	3,506	3,123	-11
VARIETY	MT	24,143	23,845	-1	28,603	28,884	+1	24,143	23,845	-1
TALLOW	MT	89,285	128,497	+44	46,052	49,635	+8	89,285	128,497	+44
LARD	MT	5,200	5,011	-4	3,492	2,516	-28	5,200	5,011	-4
LIVE CATTLE	NO	9,359	6,912	-26	6,257	6,812	+9	9,359	6,912	-26
CATTLE HIDES	XXX				85,199	78,498	-8			
FURSKINS	NO	464,486	589,412	+27	5,688	7,245	+27	464,486	589,412	+27
OTHER	XXX				58,968	95,460	+62			
TOTAL	XXX				281,582	319,511	+13			
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HORTICULTURAL PROD.									
TREE NUTS.....	MT	37,231	78,364	+19	80,134	+2	78,364	80,134	+2
FRUIT.....			104,010		107,791	+4	104,010	107,791	+4
FRESH, CITRUS.....	MT	36,567	21,863	+60	35,230	+61	21,863	35,230	+61
FRESH, NON-CITRUS.....	MT	55,215	36,335	-13	33,397	-8	36,335	33,397	-8
CANNED.....	MT	8,931	8,843	-41	5,610	-37	8,843	5,610	-37
DRIED.....	MT	14,155	20,234	-2	13,881	-1	20,234	13,881	-1
JUICES.....	GAL	9,466	16,735	-11	13,518	-19	16,735	13,518	-19
VEGETABLES, FRESH.....	MT	47,862	18,880	-32	12,526	-34	18,880	12,526	-34
VEG., PREP., PRES.....	MT	24,710	23,782	+6	22,859	-4	23,782	22,859	-4
OTHER.....	XXX		31,017		35,131	+13	31,017	35,131	+13
TOTAL.....	XXX		256,053		258,441	+1	256,053	258,441	+1
SUGAR & TROP. PRODS.									
SUGAR & SWEETENERS.....	XXX								
COFFEE.....	MT	1,045	10,986	-6	9,951	-9	10,986	9,951	-9
FLAVORING SYRUPS.....	XXX								
OTHER.....	XXX								
TOTAL.....	XXX								
GRAND TOTAL.....	XXX		2,861,102		2,343,520	-18	2,861,102	2,343,520	-18

NOTE: VALUE UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. GALLON UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS. DOZEN UNITS ARE IN THOUSANDS OF UNITS.
 XXX INDICATES QUANTITY TOTALS ARE NOT MEANINGFUL WHERE UNITS OF MEASURE DIFFER.
 --- INDICATES CHANGE LESS THAN 1 PERCENT. *** INDICATES CHANGE GREATER THAN 999 PERCENT.

- 1/ INCLUDES BY-PRODUCTS.
- 2/ STATISTICAL BALE = 480 LBS.

SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS DATA (UNADJUSTED).

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Selected International Prices

Item	:	Dec. 10, 1985	:	Change from	:	A year
	:		:	previous week	:	ago
ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/		\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT		\$ per MT
Wheat:						
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.	N.Q.	--	--	--		189.50
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%....	180.50	4.91	+3.50			180.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.	157.00	4.27	+5.00			160.00
U.S. No. 3 H.A.D.....	173.00	4.71	+4.00			202.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum...	N.Q.	--	--			208.00
Feed grains:						
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn....	122.50	3.11	0			131.00
Soybeans and meal:						
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....	213.60	5.81	+7.00			242.50
Brazil 47/48% SoyaPellets	199.00	--	+10.00			180.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal....	180.00	--	+3.00			165.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/						
Wheat.....	115.00	3.13	+2.57			123.81
Barley.....	74.87	1.63	0			75.78
Corn.....	88.98	2.26	+.39			99.21
Sorghum.....	79.15	3.59 2/	+1.76			91.49
Broilers.....	1095.02	--	-44.31			1062.84
EC IMPORT LEVIES						
Wheat 5/.....	113.55	3.09	-8.95			47.05
Barley.....	114.30	2.49	-1.15			51.60
Corn.....	92.40	2.35	-.85			50.50
Sorghum.....	102.10	2.59	-4.55			58.35
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	241.00	--	-4.00			159.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/						
Common wheat(feed quality)	167.35	4.55	-.20			141.25
Bread wheat (min. quality)	178.30	4.85	-.35			150.50
Barley and all						
other feed grains.....	167.35	--	-.20			141.25
Broilers 4/ 6/.....	1259.00	--	+7.00			1072.00
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)						
Wheat	57.50	1.56	--			N.A.
Barley.....	74.95	1.63	+.85			27.55
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	157.00	--	-2.00			94.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted. Note: Basis January delivery.

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